



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER**

Due to the Public Health Officer Ministerial Order M0192, the Regular Meeting of Council is closed to the public but will be broadcast by the HUB Online Network.

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to add or delete Agenda items*

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended*

**M/S**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, April 26, 2021 be adopted as presented.*

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 12, 2021 <i>That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 12, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-5
2.2	Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Monday, April 12, 2021 <i>That, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Monday, April 12, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 6-7

**3. DELEGATIONS**

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**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

*All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.*

**5. BYLAWS**

5.1	Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw No. 842 <i>That, Bylaw No. 842, cited as "Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw No. 842, 2021 be introduced and read three times.</i>	P. 8-11
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## 6. STAFF REPORTS

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program</p> <p><i>That, Council approves the Village of Ashcroft to submit a grant application to UBCM under the Local Government Development Approvals Program to established best practices and develop innovative approaches to improve development approvals processes in Ashcroft and further that Urban Systems be approved to prepare the grant application and if approved, complete the project.</i></p>	P. 12-13
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Community Message Sign</p> <p><i>That, Council approve staff to move forward with the purchase and installation of one appropriately sized stationary Community Message Sign to be displayed near the Wagon on Highway 97C, and further that up to \$10,000 be allocated in the budget for the project.</i></p>	P. 14-17
6.3	<p>CFO Report – Purchase of Carbon Offsets</p> <p><i>That, Council approve the purchase of offset credits as required by the Province of British Columbia and the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program through the offset organization Offsetters.</i></p>	P. 18-19
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
6.4	DPW Report – Operations Update	P. 20-21

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	<p>Statistics Canada – Request for Support</p> <p><i>Motion Required</i></p>	P. 22-23
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7.2	School District No. 74 – 2021 Budget Surplus Feedback	P. 24
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7.4	TNRD – Evacuation Alert Rescinded to All Clear – Electoral Areas ‘M’ & ‘N’	P. 27-28
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7.6	Forest Enhancement Society of BC – Accomplishments Update Spring 2021	P. 34
7.7	Flip Chart Information Correspondence	P. 35

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Public Art Policy – Draft Schedule B: Maintenance Plan</p> <p><i>Motion Required</i></p>	P. 36-40
8.2	Task Manager	P. 41

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

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## 10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS



10.1	Joint Para-Transit Committee Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2021	P. 42-43
10.2	Bylaw Enforcement Officer Working Group Minutes – April 13, 2021	P. 44-45
10.3	Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan Update Working Group Notes – April 15, 2021	P. 46

**11. COUNCIL REPORTS**

11.1	Mayor Roden - Report	P. 47-49
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey	

**12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

*Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1*

12.1	<i>That, Council move to a closed meeting under Section 90.1(c) labour relations or other employee relations</i>	
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**13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**REGULAR MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**

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PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden  
 Councillor, Marilyn Anderson  
 Councillor, Jonah Anstett  
 Councillor, Nadine Davenport  
 Councillor, Debra Tuohey

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer  
 Brian Bennewith, Director of Public Works

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EXCUSED:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Due to the Public Health Officer Ministerial Order M0192, the Regular Meeting of Council is closed to the public but will be broadcast by the HUB Online Network.

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday April 12, 2021 to order at 6:01 pm

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to add or delete Agenda items*

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended*

**M/S Roden / Davenport**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, April 12, 2021 be adopted as presented.*

CARRIED- Unanimous – R-2021-76

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 22, 2021 <b>M/S Anderson / Tuohey</b> <i>That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 22, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-77
2.2	Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Friday, March 26, 2021 <b>M/S Anstett / Anderson</b> <i>That, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Friday, March 26, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-78

**3. DELEGATIONS**

3.1	N/A	
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**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

TNRD Area Resident – Comments/suggestions only, no response required.

- 6.1 - Summer Student – suggestion to research cost of water meters
- 6.2 - Procedure Bylaw – reiterating to increase public opportunity to dialogue with Council, advocating Council move option 3
- 6.4 - Advocated Council to move option 2
- 7.5 - Comment that Council be aware of products that may be flowing through the inland port and consider container regulations
- 8.1 - Request that more detailed information be included in the Task Manager for clarity purposes
- 10.2 - Concern that there isn't any public participation on the Trails working group; Comment, Trail plan to include river access for community
- 11.1 - Council research the difference between a community garden and an allotment garden

Resident:

- 1. Does the Village support the “Wellness Awaits You” branding? Not an agenda item
- 2. Do the working groups consider community volunteer involvement? WG’s have all had their start up meeting to identify scope of the project. Residents could advise Council members on WG if they are interested in participating when the opportunity arises.

**5. BYLAWS**

5.1	N/A	
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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	CAO Report – Office Summer Student <b>M/S Anderson / Anstett</b> <i>That, Council authorize staff to post the Office Summer Student position.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-79
6.2	CAO Report – Procedures Bylaw – Request for Additional Question Period at End of Agenda <b>M/S Tuohey / no seconder</b> <i>Option 4: “That, Council receive and file the report.”</i> <b>Motion dies on the floor</b> <b>M/S Roden / Anderson</b> <i>Option 1:</i> <i>That, Council direct staff to develop a communication strategy for public engagement and not amend Bylaw No. 834, and include a guideline of what and how information can be communicated by Council on social media.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-80
6.3	CAO Report – Delegation Presentation <b>M/S Roden / Davenport</b> <i>“That Council direct staff to forward the delegation suggestions to the appropriate Working Groups for consideration.”</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-81

6.4	<p>CAO Report – Burning Bylaw Public Engagement Process &amp; Burning Bylaw Draft Survey Questions  <b>M/S Anderson / no seconder</b>  <i>Option 2: That, Council defer consideration of amending the Burning Bylaw until such a time as public gatherings of over 50 people is permitted by the Public Health Officer.</i>  <b>Motion dies on the floor</b>  <b>M/S Anstett / Tuohey</b>  <i>Option 1: That, Council move forward with the proposed public engagement methods presented by staff and that staff commence the public engagement process to consider possible amendments to the Burning Bylaw and further that, staff coordinate public meetings as soon as public gatherings are permitted by Public Health Order to engage community and gather input. as amended -</i>  <b>M/S Roden/Davenport</b>  <b>Amendment –</b>  <i>Amend motion to include coordination of public gatherings as soon as allowable by public health order</i>  <b>Survey</b>  <b>M/S Roden / Anderson</b>  <i>That, Council direct staff to distribute survey to the residents of the Village of Ashcroft mail boxes and include a public comment section.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-83</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-82</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-84</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
	N/A	

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	<p>District of North Vancouver – Help Cities Lead (HCL) Campaign – Support for Campaign  <b>M/S RODEN / Tuohey</b>  <i>That, Council send letters in support of the District of North Vancouver’s Help Cities Lead (HLC) Campaign to the Ministers of Environment, Municipal Affairs, Energy, Housing and Finance.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-85</p>
7.2	<p>UBCM Annual Membership Dues  <b>M/S Tuohey / Anderson</b>  <i>That, Council approves the Village’s UBCM Membership for renewal.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-86</p>
7.3	<p>District of Sicamous – Resolution Invasive Asian Clams  <b>M/S Roden / Tuohey</b>  <i>That, the District of Sicamous’s Invasive Asian Clam resolution be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-87</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.4	<p>Reply to Mayor Roden re Urgent Need for Rural Connectivity in BC</p>	
7.5	<p>Katherine Steinhoff, Municipal Lead, Moms Stop the Harm – Thank you for supporting the Overdose Crisis</p>	
7.6	<p>MP Brad Vis – Copy of Letter to The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries &amp; Oceans – Flooding of the Bonaparte River</p>	
7.7	<p>Flip Chart Correspondence</p>	
	<p><b>M/S Roden / Anstett</b>  <i>That, the Information Correspondence items be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous</p>

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## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager <b>M/S Roden / Davenport</b> <i>That, the Task Manager be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-89
8.2	CAO Report - Draft Public Art Policy <b>M/S Tuohey / Davenport</b> <i>That, Council approves the Public Art Policy as presented, and direct staff to draft two schedules for attachment and be brought back to Council for approval: Schedule A Contract and Schedule B Maintenance Plan.</i> Clarify WCB Insurance coverage on page 4 Clarify VOA property only in purpose statement	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-90

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	N/A	
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## 10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	Storm Drainage & Run Off Study WG Notes – March 24, 2021	
10.2	Trails Master Plan WG Notes – March 31, 2021 – Safe river access is a consideration, paper survey being mailed out this week.	
10.3	Economic Development & Tourism WG Notes – March 24, 2021 Inviting community to submit images of Ashcroft to be included in the Guide.	

## 11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden Report	
11.2	Councillor Anderson Report Notice of Motion Clarify – CG – misunderstood public survey, applied for funding, no survey to be distributed Notice of Motion typo – clarification 11+ seat rate should reference 1-10 seats	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey	

## 12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

*Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1*

12.1	<b>M/S Anderson / Tuohey</b> <i>(e)the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-91
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**13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

13.1	<p><b>Resolution - M/S Roden / Anstett</b></p> <p><i>That, Council approves the Audited Financial Statements as presented by Shawn Birkenhead of Grant Thornton LLP at the Closed Meeting of Council prior to the Regular meeting on April 12, 2021 and that Council release the motion to the Regular meeting of Council for April 12, 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Council noted:</i></p> <p><i>April 26 – 4:30 – Opportunity for public to be heard by Council to seek input and update of projects for the budget.</i></p> <p><i>May 10- 4:30 Presentation of Financial Plan</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-92</p>
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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S Roden / Davenport**

*That, the Regular Meeting of Council for April 12, 2021 be adjourned at 7:15 pm.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-93

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Minutes for the Regular Meeting of  
Council held Monday April 12, 2021

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

FOR MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden  
Councillor, Marilyn Anderson  
Councillor, Jonah Anstett  
Councillor, Nadine Davenport  
Councillor, Debra Tuohey

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer  
Brian Bennewith, Director of Public Works

Shawn Birkenhead, CPA, CA - of Grant Thornton LLP (via Teams)

Media –

EXCUSED:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Special Meeting of Council for April 12, 2021 to order at 5:08 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended*

**M/S Anderson / Tuohey**

*That, the Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council for April 12, 2021 be adopted as presented.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – S-2021 - 04

3. **MINUTES**

All Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1	NONE	
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5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS**

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1	NONE	
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7. **BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

6.1	NONE	
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**8. STAFF REPORTS**

7.1	NONE	
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**9. CLOSED MEETING**

*Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1*

**M/S Roden / Davenport**

9.1	(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;	CARRIED Unanimous S-2021-05
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**10. TERMINATION**

**M/S Roden / Davenport**

*That, the Special Meeting of Council for Monday April 12, 2021 be adjourned at 5:40 pm.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – S-2021-06

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Council held Monday April 12, 2021

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 842

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A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SCHEME FOR INTER-COMMUNITY BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

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WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Ashcroft may, pursuant to Section 260 of the Community Charter, regulate in relation to enforcement powers;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 14 of the Community Charter, two or more Local Governments may, by Bylaw adopted by the Council of each participating Local Government, establish an inter-municipal scheme in relation to one or more matters;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 261 of the Community Charter, Council may provide terms and conditions that may be imposed for payment of fines and other penalties to Local Government;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Ashcroft in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Title

This Bylaw may be known and cited for all purposes as "Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw No. 842".

2. Definitions

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires,

"Administrative and Financial Services" means the provision of accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and related matters for the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Scheme.

"Co-ordinating Local Government" means the Participating Local Government that provides administrative and financial support services for the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Scheme.

"Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Working Group" means the group responsible for the administration of personnel matters and approval of expenditures for the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Scheme.

"Participating Local Government" means the following local governments, once they have adopted their Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw:

- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Cache Creek
- Village of Clinton

"Principal Local Government" means the Participating Local Government where a Bylaw Offence has occurred or is occurring.

"Scheme" means the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Scheme

"Working Group" means the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Working Group

3. Working Group Membership

The Working Group shall be comprised of one member, either the Council appointee or alternate, from each Participating Local Government Council and the Chief Administrative Officer of each Participating Local Government.

The Village of Ashcroft Council shall appoint one member and one alternate to the Working Group immediately following the adoption of this bylaw. The Village of Ashcroft Council shall inform the Working Group of any change to their appointee or alternate as soon as reasonably possible.

4. Budget

On or before September 30 each year, the appointed representatives of the Participating Local Governments shall forward a draft budget, approved by the Working Group, for the following year to their respective Councils. Under this Scheme, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer position is based on a 4-day work week. Wages and MERCS are split, with the Village of Ashcroft contributing 50%, the Village of Cache Creek contributing 25% and the Village of Clinton contributing 25%. All other costs are shared equally at 1/3 each or 33.33%. Cost apportionment among the Participating Local Governments shall be as specified in Schedule "A" of this bylaw and may be amended annually. Any requested adjustments to the cost apportionment must not reduce the annual budget.

5. Administration and Finance

For the first two years of the Scheme, the Village of Ashcroft shall be the Co-ordinating Local Government. Following the initial two-year term, the Working Group shall determine the Co-ordinating Local Government for each two-year term.

On or about the 45<sup>th</sup> day of each fiscal quarter, the Co-ordinating Local Government shall submit an invoice to the Participating Local Governments for the anticipated costs for the next quarter.

6. Withdrawal

- a) The Village of Ashcroft shall participate in the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement scheme for at least 2 full years prior to withdrawal.
- b) The Village of Ashcroft may, by providing six months notice in writing to each of the other Participating Local Governments, withdraw from the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement scheme established by this Bylaw. Such notice shall set out the date on which the Village of Ashcroft will no longer receive bylaw enforcement services pursuant to this Bylaw and include a certified copy of the Bylaw authorizing the withdrawal.
- c) All assets are jointly owned by the Participating Local Governments. Asset apportionment, based on current blue/black book rates, shall be paid to the withdrawing local government if the remaining local governments continue with the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement scheme.

7. Delegation of Powers

Council powers related to personnel matters and approval of expenditures from the approved budget for the Scheme are hereby delegated to the Working Group.

8. Voting

For all matters relating to personnel and expenditures from the approved budget, each Council appointee or their alternate shall have one vote. Chief Administrative Officers are to only provide support and advice to the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Working Group.

9. Termination

Should this Scheme be terminated, the market value of all assets as per blue/black book are to be shared equally among the existing parties.

10. Severability

If any section, paragraph or phrase in this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of a Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw shall continue in full force and effect.

11. Effective Date

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Certified to be a true and correct  
Copy of Bylaw No. 842 as adopted  
by Council

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Schedule "A"**

Apportionment of Costs

Wages and Mandatory Employment Related Costs

Village of Ashcroft	50%	for two days of service per week
Village of Cache Creek	25%	for one day of service per week
Village of Clinton	25%	for one day of service per week

Other Costs

All costs other than payroll related costs are to be apportioned equally among the Participating Local Governments.

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** April 26, 2021  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program**

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### Purpose

Request Council approval to apply for grant funding to develop materials that streamline and expedite the development approvals process for the Village of Ashcroft.

### Recommendation

*That Council approves the Village of Ashcroft to submit a grant application to UBCM under the Local Government Development Approvals Program to established best practices and develop innovative approaches to improve development approvals processes in Ashcroft and further that Urban Systems be approved to prepare the grant application and if approved, complete the project.*

### Alternatives

*That Council receive and file the report*

### Discussion

The current Development Procedures Bylaw is outdated and hinders development. A simple user-friendly process needs to be developed to ensure future development and growth in the community.

The intent of the UBCM administered Local Government Development Approvals Program is to support the implementation of established best practices and to test innovative approaches to improve development approvals processes while meeting local government planning and policy objectives.

The Village of Ashcroft's current development processes are outdated and inefficient. This grant opportunity funded by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs was developed upon a completion of the Provinces Development Approvals Process Review completed in September 2019. The report states the process for approving development has a major impact on how quickly housing projects are built. While local government development approvals play an important role in ensuring community interests are met and developments are healthy and safe, they can also result in complex, lengthy and expensive processes with significant uncertainties for developers.

To address challenges and identify opportunities for improvement in the current development approvals process, and to support local governments in eliminating barriers to affordable housing and accelerate the construction of the homes they need in their communities, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) has developed the Development Approvals Process funding opportunity.

Staff proposes a grant application be submitted to UBCM for the following proposed but not limited to tasks:

- Amend and the OCP and Zoning Bylaws to include recent zoning changes and minor updates;
- Develop brochure that clearly defines the process for subdivision, development, OCP and Zoning amendments, development permits, development variance permits, temporary use permits and Board of Variance;
- Establish development process and create flow chart and timelines;
- Update the Development Procedures Bylaw;
- Staff training and education;

- Develop digital applications;
- Update and integrate Economic Development page on Village website;
- Develop mapping;
- Software to support digital process.

As part of the Subdivision Development and Servicing Bylaw deliverables, Urban Systems is developing a guide staff proposes that Urban Systems expand this project and apply for the UBCM funding to complete the above-mentioned deliverables. Urban Systems is familiar with Ashcroft's SDSB, Zoning and OCP Bylaws, they have the knowledge and capacity to complete the tasks in a timely manner and have an established rapport with Village staff.

The grant opportunity is 100% funded to a maximum of \$500,000 and closes on May 7, 2021.

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

Growth and Development

**Legislative Authority**

**Financial Implications**

100% Grant Funded – total cost to be determined

**Attachment Listing**

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** April 26, 2021  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **Community Message Sign**

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### Purpose

To provide Council with affordable Community Message Sign information for consideration.

### Recommendation

That, Council approve staff to move forward with the purchase and installation of one appropriately sized stationary Community Message Sign to be displayed near the Wagon on Highway 97C, and further that up to \$10,000 be allocated in the budget for the project.

### Alternatives

That, Council receive and file the report.

### Discussion

The need for digital signage has been a topic of discussion in the Village of Ashcroft since 2017. Much of the discussion was in regards to type, purpose and central location of the sign as well as staff access for programming ease. In the recent past, there have been multiple requests for the installation of a “community messaging” sign from the public particularly for the sharing of emergency information. A community messaging sign is permitted in the C1 zone and must be 1.5m set back from the Highway under the Signage Bylaw No. 840.

Technology has changed since Council last considered a digital Community Message Sign. The proposed Community Message Sign is controlled by a wireless keyboard and does not require computer or wifi connectivity; the sign is programmed by a small hand-held keyboard similar to TV remote technology. Not requiring connectivity enables the Village to place the sign anywhere on Village property with reasonable access to power.

In addition, the cost of the proposed sign is considerably less than previously quoted. Staff is proposing a 102” x 36” (8.5 ft x 3 ft equal to 2.3 sq meters) cost is approximately \$4,000 (previous cost in excess of \$18,000) plus frame construction, hydro to sign and installation approx. \$6,000 for a total proposed budget of \$10,000. CFO Bhalla has confirmed that there is room in the budget to accommodate this proposal.

Council is asked to consider two things:

1. Would Council like to move forward with the purchase and installation of a community message sign to be used as a means of public communication?
2. Does Council support the proposed sign to be installed at the fence line beside the Wagon shed? This site is proposed in consultation with the Public Works department. We are asking Council to consider placing the Community Message Sign on the grassy section beside the Wagon shed as close to the fence as possible to meet MOTI setbacks and not obstruct traffic sight lines. Staff is proposing this site as the majority of traffic coming into Ashcroft crosses the bridge and this would be a prime and central location.

### Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Emergency and Public Communication

### Legislative Authority

Village of Ashcroft Signage Bylaw No. 840, 2020

**Financial Implications**

Purchase, Delivery, Site Preparation and Sign Frame not to exceed \$10,000

**Attachment Listing**

Images

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer



A S H C R O F T

8.5 x 3 ft.  
4 lines

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** April 26, 2021  
**FROM:** Yogi Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Carbon Offsets

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### **Purpose**

Approve purchase of Carbon Offsets to achieve carbon neutrality.

### **Recommendation**

THAT Council approve the purchase of offset credits as required by the Province of British Columbia and the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program through the offset organization Offsetters.

### **Alternatives**

N/A

### **Background**

In 2009 the Government of BC introduced the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) to municipalities. Under this program, municipalities receive a refund of carbon taxes that are paid directly on items such as natural gas, diesel, propane and gasoline. In order to do so, the municipality must agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Sign on to the BC Climate Action Charter thereby committing to:
  - a. Being carbon neutral in their corporate operations
  - b. Measure and report on their community GHG emissions profile
  - c. Create complete, compact, energy efficient rural and urban communities
2. Report publicly on their plan and progress toward meeting climate action goals, including progress toward carbon neutrality.

In 2013, the provincial government added the following condition:

“Local governments that intend to purchase offsets to be carbon neutral for 2012 must purchase their offsets prior to making their CARIP report public (deadline: March 8th, 2013) or have a signed agreement with a credible offset provider to purchase the offsets in place by no later than June 1, 2013.”

### **Discussion**

Offsets are typically achieved through financial support of projects that reduce the emission of greenhouse gases in the short- or long-term. The most common project type is renewable energy, such as solar, wind farms, biomass energy, or hydroelectric dams. Others include energy efficiency projects, the destruction of industrial pollutants or agricultural by-products, destruction of landfill methane, and forestry projects.

Offsets can be achieved in three using three mechanisms defined in the Green Communities Carbon Neutral Framework:

1. Invest in GCC-supported community emission reduction projects
2. Invest in alternate community emission reduction projects
3. Purchase offsets

All three options envision offsets outside the corporate boundaries, i.e. areas the village is not directly responsible for such as sewer, water, roads, protection etc.

The village has historically used option #3 purchasing offsets as this is the most economical avenue while pursuing greenhouse reduction strategies at the village. The company used by the Village last year was Offsetters. The firm supplies higher quality offset projects with 25% Canadian content. The price of the offsets in the General Standard Portfolio that provides the best value has remained unchanged at \$20 per tonne.

The new provincial carbon credit calculation tool is not currently ready for use. Therefore we have estimated offset requirements instead and propose purchasing 267 units for a total cost of \$5,340. The carbon credit paid by the province will counterbalance this cost.

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

Financial and environmental stewardship

**Legislative Authority**

Financial Administration Act

**Financial Implications**

Expense of \$5,340.

**Attachment Listing**

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**Prepared by:**



Yogi Bhalla,  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved for submission to Council:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**FROM:** Brian Bennewith, Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Public Works Projects Update

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### Purpose

To provide Council with an update of the current Public Works projects.

### Recommendation

For Information Only

### Alternatives

N/A

### Discussion

#### **UTILITIES:**

The new Water Intake Project is approximately 2 weeks away from completion. Paving and some electrical work are the remaining components to be completed. This will now give us year-round access to our submersible pumps that supply water to our water treatment plant. Dent Construction has been a pleasure to work with on this project.

The Sand Separator Project is due to commence in approximately one week. This is a short period construction project with approximately a three week period to complete. The sand separators are scheduled to arrive the first week of May. The hope was to have this project completed before the spring freshet however due to COVID delays this did not occur.

#1 Lift Station Replacement Project has been awarded to Extreme Excavating. They have set a work schedule for three (3) months to complete this new install and are in the process of acquiring materials for the project. Work is tentatively set to begin mid-August to early September.

#### **PARKS:**

Legacy RV Park Up-grade is coming along. We are hoping to have the RV section cleaned-up and ready for the May 1<sup>st</sup> opening. BC Hydro is unable to do the power change over until the second or third week of May therefore the old 100 amp service will be used in the meantime; this will allow six RV sites to have a 30 amp power source. Our park host Barry Tripp (whom we are happy to have back) has confirmed that there are only four reservations for the first two weeks of opening therefore we should be ok with the six sites. Power has been run to our tent sites but these sites still require landscaping. Our public works crew will continue working on these sites as time permits following their spring commitments i.e. parks, irrigation, roads, etc.

Hot Tub Replacement is moving at a slower pace. WestEdge Engineering and HPF Engineering were on site to do an assessment. WestEdge will be doing the structural component and HPF will be doing the mechanical component of the project. We are leaning more to replacing the Hot Tub with another concrete style for longevity of the hot tub. They have stated that generally fiberglass Hot Tubs only last 15 years. This will all be outlined in their proposal with project completion set for the 2022 pool season. I am currently acquiring quotes on removal of the existing hot tub.

Our pool is scheduled to open May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Most pool staff are returning. There will be a change in the head life guard position with Julia Franes moving into this position. With her years of experience at our pool we feel she will do well in her new position. We have reached out to School District No. 74 regarding pool use, however with COVID policies, they will not be using the pool this season. Discussions were held between the pool supervisor and staff and ideas have been put forth to utilize the time slots normally booked by the School District; one receptive idea from the public was private lessons for pre-schoolers.

**RECREATION FACILITIES:**

The Curling Club Project came together last fall with the curling club installing ice and ready for use when COVID regulations came into place with NO adult recreation allowed making this year two without curling. The upgrades, completed in December, included a new escape door and Freon detection system. We have now been informed that it is a requirement to install an exhaust fan system to the Freon detection system. This will be completed prior to next season's start up.

It was good that we were able to open our Arena to youth. Hats off to the TCMHA and their coaches for dedicating the season to skill development. It is my understanding that the kids participating made vast improvements to their skills. We also appreciate Cam Tedford's efforts in keeping COVID regulations at the forefront and the arena safe for our users.

There is a busy season ahead of us for staff and employees with projects coming on board, new employees (full-time and summer) to teach and show the ropes and vacation schedules will also start soon. It will be another exciting and changing 2021 as our community continues to grow.

In closing I would like to say that it has been a busy start to the year for everyone. I would like to thank our employees for staying strong and diligent through last year with the onset and continuation of the COVID pandemic. We have been going through changes and working continuously shorthanded. This has created issues for completing work tasks, coverage of on-call and any overtime required. Congratulations to Oscar Battel and Bob Sidwell our new Crew Leaders. We look forward to their new leadership roles as they assist in the development of our new employees, and their continuous dedication shown in our operation. Thank you also to Ed Aie for his years in the position of Charge Hand and for taking on the new position of Water Treatment Plant Operator.

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

**Legislative Authority**

N/A

**Financial Implications**

**Attachment Listing**

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**From:** Do Not Reply / Ne Pas Répondre (statcan/statcan) [<mailto:statcan.DoNotReply-NePasRepondre.statcan@canada.ca>]

**Sent:** April 22, 2021 1:05 PM

**To:** Maike Mayden <[admin@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:admin@ashcroftbc.ca)>

**Subject:** The 2021 Census is almost here, and we need your support / Le Recensement de 2021 arrive à grands pas, et nous avons besoin de votre soutien

*La version française suit.*

Dear Mayor:

The 2021 Census is almost here! As you know, census data are critical to decision makers and Canadians from coast to coast to coast. In addition to informing public policy, census data are vital for planning schools, hospitals, daycare centres, family services, public transportation, and skills training for employment. In addition, census data support numerous municipal programs related to infrastructure and public transportation and are used to measure Canada's sustainable development and environmental goals. Information from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial because it will help your community evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to better plan for the future.

Census collection will begin on May 3, 2021. Statistics Canada has adapted the collection process to ensure that all Canadians and our employees remain safe while participating in this vital national exercise. Data collected in the 2021 Census will inform many of the economic and health-related policy decisions that must be made by all levels of government in the coming months and years, as the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the lives of Canadians.

Statistics Canada will do everything it can to get Canadians to respond to the census without an in-person visit from a census employee. Completing the census questionnaire online is the best and fastest way to fulfill the census obligation. We anticipate that the great majority of Canadians will complete the questionnaire through our efficient, secure and user-friendly online application. Respondents without reliable access to the Internet can also call the Census Help Line to complete their census questionnaire over the phone or request a paper questionnaire.

In cases where a Statistics Canada census employee is sent to a dwelling for non-response follow-up, a new no-contact protocol will be followed. Under this protocol, no interviews will be conducted inside the respondent's dwelling. These interviews will instead be physically-distanced and the census employee will be required to wear a mask, and follow all public health guidelines.

I would appreciate your active support in helping us make the 2021 Census a success. We have developed the [Community Supporter Toolkit](#) and brought together products and resources to

help you spread the word about the benefits and positive impact of the census for your community.

If you would like to express your municipality's support for the census, please share the municipal council resolution text below with your residents:

Be it resolved:

The "Council of (NAME OF CITY/TOWN/MUNICIPALITY)" supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca). Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

I would like to thank you and your municipality for your input to the census to date, and for your continued support and collaboration. I invite you to learn more about the 2021 Census on our [census website](#) and to follow our official [social media accounts](#).

In the coming weeks, a member of our communications team may contact you to discuss ways in which we can work together. Should you have any questions, please contact us at [statcan.censusoutreach.west-rayonnementdurec.ouest.statcan@canada.ca](mailto:statcan.censusoutreach.west-rayonnementdurec.ouest.statcan@canada.ca).

Sincerely,

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Chief Statistician of Canada  
Statistics Canada / Government of Canada  
[anil.arora@canada.ca](mailto:anil.arora@canada.ca)

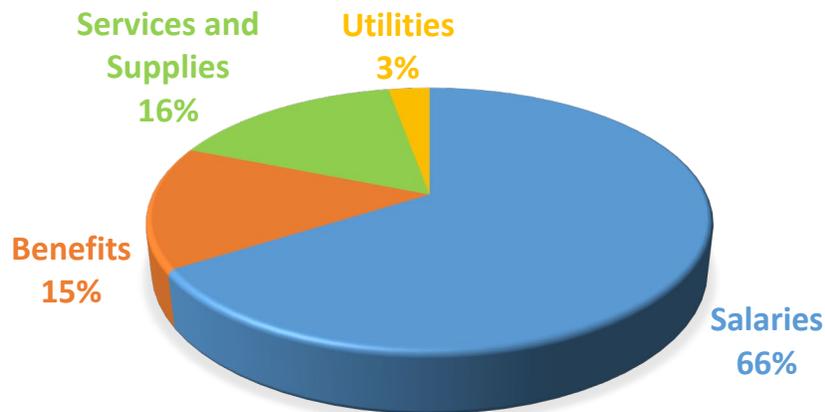
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# SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 74 (Gold Trail) 2021-2022 Draft Budget

The budget for the school year is prepared over several months, and completed in June.

Gold Trail is projected to receive \$20.9 million in revenue. Of that amount, \$19.5 is spent on operating, administering and maintaining the schools. There is little flexibility in these costs, as the district needs staff to teach students and administer the district, drive the students to school and fix and clean the buildings. As well, heat and light are needed in the buildings, and supplies, such as bus fuel, paper and classroom supplies are required.

## OPERATING EXPENSES



The difference between the revenue and the expenses is \$1.4 million – the budget surplus. Historically, the board has used these funds for one-time projects, like school upgrades or renovations. Budget surpluses are not guaranteed, and may disappear if government grant funding is reduced, or basic operating costs increase.

The Gold Trail Board of Education is looking for suggestions from the public for using the budget surplus and would support student learning.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES  
CANADA

*Brad Vis*

Member of Parliament  
Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon

April 21, 2021

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Natural Resources

Sent via: [Seamus.OREgan@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Seamus.OREgan@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Supporting Industry by Planting Trees**

Dear Minister:

Two years ago, your Government made a promise to plant two billion trees to support healthy forests and reduce carbon. I would like to highlight to you, the great potential in planting trees in the Village of Cache Creek, Bonaparte First Nation and the Village of Ashcroft, B.C. that would restore the wildfire devastated Elephant Hill and provide soil retention reducing erosion along the Bonaparte River and preventing the major flooding that destroys agriculture, businesses and homes each year.

Flood mitigation along the Bonaparte River is crucial as surrounding communities continue to grow. The full magnitude of the impact of the Elephant Hill wildfire spanning 191,865 hectares in 2017 is still to be seen, however it is suggested the fire resulted in major loss of soil retention.

Coupled with severe flooding, the Bonaparte is quickly creating new channels adding to the imminent loss of property.

A vast swath of territory devastated by wildfires is waiting for renewal. Tree planting on Elephant Hill and the surrounding communities along the Bonaparte River will benefit the environment, agriculture, businesses, and families by preventing major floods and creating cleaner air. Restoration of this land will support salmon in the Bonaparte River and other species who call this region.

Minister, I strongly recommend the Villages of Ashcroft and Cache Creek and Bonaparte First Nation as recipients of this tree planting initiative.

Sincerely,



Brad Vis  
Member of Parliament  
Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon

CC: Mayor & Council, Village of Ashcroft  
Mayor & Council, Village of Cache Creek  
Mayor & Council, Bonaparte First Nation  
Jackie Tegart, M.L.A., Fraser-Nicola



## Evacuation Alert Rescinded to All Clear – Electoral Area 'M'

[Evacuation Alerts / April 21, 2021](#)

### Miller Estates Subdivision

The [Evacuation Alert](#) for the Miller Estates Subdivision and other addresses in **Electoral Area "M"** has been **rescinded to all clear** as the threat of the Petit Creek wildfire in the area no longer poses an imminent risk to the safety of residents.

This Alert was put in place on April 18, 2021 at 2100hrs for the following addresses:

- 1101, 1161, 1200, 1581, 1693, 2341 and 2437 Merritt Spences Bridge Hwy 8;
- 1256 – 1852 Miller Road; and
- 2305 Woodward Road.

Should conditions change, an Evacuation Alert and / or Evacuation Order could be reinstated as necessary. Please contact the Emergency Operations Centre for further information or assistance.

[Miller-Subdivision-April-21-1200-Rescind](#)

**For more information contact:**

Kevin Skrepnek, Emergency Program Coordinator

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## Evacuation Alert Rescinded to All Clear – Electoral Area 'N'

[Evacuation Alerts / April 21, 2021](#)

### Canford

The [Evacuation Alert](#) for the community of Canford in **Electoral Area "N"** has been **rescinded to all clear** as the threat of the Petit Creek wildfire in the area no longer poses an imminent risk to the safety of residents.

This Alert was put in place on April 18, 2021 at 2100hrs for the following addresses:

- 2757, 2797, 2815, 2861 and 2901 Merritt Spences Bridge Hwy 8.

Should conditions change, an Evacuation Alert and / or Evacuation Order could be reinstated as necessary. Please contact the Emergency Operations Centre for further information or assistance.

[Canford-April-21-1200hrs-Rescind](#)

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## North America's Railroad

### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **CN SUBMITS PREFILING NOTICE OF INTENT WITH SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

***Filing commences regulatory process should Kansas City Southern Board  
accept CN's superior proposal of \$325 per share***

***CN confident its proposed combination with Kansas City Southern would  
enhance competition and be in the public interest***

**MONTREAL, April 21, 2021** – CN (TSX: CNR, NYSE: CNI) today announced that it has submitted to the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) a prefiling notification of its intent to file an application seeking authority to combine with Kansas City Southern (NYSE: KSU) (“KCS”) further to CN’s superior proposal for a cash-and-stock transaction valued at \$33.7 billion, or \$325 per share<sup>1</sup>.

The Notice of Intent (the “Notice”) sets out CN’s commitment to proceeding under the STB’s current merger rules and assuring the STB and customers that CN will maintain seamless service and enhanced competition after combining the two end-to-end networks. The Notice also confirms that CN intends to seek approval of the voting trust in the coming days. STB approval of the voting trust would enable KCS shareholders to receive full payment of consideration under CN’s \$325 per share proposal without having to await final STB approval of the transaction. CN’s plain vanilla voting trust is identical to the one already approved by KCS’ board of directors in its previously announced transaction, and CN believes that they are both equally likely to be approved by the STB.

CN is confident that its proposed combination is in the public interest. Following the closing of the voting trust, CN welcomes the opportunity to participate in the STB process and provide a full forum for stakeholders to comment on the proposed transaction. CN is confident that it will be able to effectively address any reasonable remediation concerns and ensure rail customers and other stakeholders benefit from the proposed combination with KCS. That is why CN supports the STB reviewing this combination under the modern new rules, as opposed to seeking to have a combination with KCS reviewed under rules from four decades ago that have been opposed by virtually every other party to have filed before the STB.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on CN closing share price on the NYSE of \$118.13 as of April 19, 2021.

Together, CN and KCS would offer multiple interchanges and create greater choice and service options for customers of both companies. Customers will benefit from a faster, more direct and more efficient network of end-to-end single-line services from Mexico to the United States to Canada, with an enhanced ability to connect ports in the Atlantic, Pacific, and the Gulf of Mexico. The combined company would add more fluid, rapid and cost-efficient options across network points for customers such as Laredo, Texas; Detroit, Michigan; and Southern Ontario, Canada.

Once combined, CN and KCS would be fifth among Class 1 railroads, as measured by U.S. revenue and track miles. CN has a demonstrated track record in merging other railroads into a seamless network and is committed to keeping existing gateways open. Importantly, this rail and logistics network would also reduce traffic congestion and prevent thousands of tons of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere every day.

“Our proposal to KCS is simple. We are providing greater and more certain value, and a clear path to closing. We have a better bid. We are a better railroad. We will be a better partner for KCS and the communities it serves. And we believe the STB and our customers will recognize that CN presents the best solution for the continued growth, development and prosperity of the North American economy,” said Jean-Jacques Ruest, CEO of CN. “CN has made a superior proposal and is committed to satisfying the current STB merger rules. CN is confident that the STB will approve the voting trust, which will permit KCS shareholders to crystallize the value of its US and Mexico franchise, and then permit the STB to undertake the careful review process it should take following the closing into the voting trust.”

For more information about CN’s superior proposal to combine with KCS, please visit [www.ConnectedContinent.com](http://www.ConnectedContinent.com).

### **About CN**

CN is a world-class transportation leader and trade-enabler. Essential to the economy, to the customers, and to the communities it serves, CN safely transports more than 300 million tons of natural resources, manufactured products, and finished goods throughout North America every year. As the only railroad connecting Canada’s Eastern and Western coasts with the U.S. South through a 19,500-mile rail network, CN and its affiliates have been contributing to community prosperity and sustainable trade since 1919. CN is committed to programs supporting social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

Certain statements included in this news release constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and under Canadian securities laws, including statements based on management’s assessment and assumptions and publicly available information with respect to KCS, regarding the proposed transaction between CN and KCS, the expected benefits of the proposed transaction and future opportunities for the combined company. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. CN

cautions that its assumptions may not materialize and that current economic conditions render such assumptions, although reasonable at the time they were made, subject to greater uncertainty. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of terminology such as “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “assumes,” “outlook,” “plans,” “targets,” or other similar words.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of CN, or the combined company, to be materially different from the outlook or any future results, performance or achievements implied by such statements. Accordingly, readers are advised not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Important risk factors that could affect the forward-looking statements in this news release include, but are not limited to: the outcome of any possible transaction between CN and KCS, including the possibility that a transaction will not be agreed to or that the terms of any definitive agreement will be materially different from those described; uncertainties as to whether KCS will cooperate with CN regarding the proposed transaction; the parties’ ability to consummate the proposed transaction; the conditions to the completion of the proposed transaction; that the regulatory approvals required for the proposed transaction may not be obtained on the terms expected or on the anticipated schedule or at all; CN’s indebtedness, including the substantial indebtedness CN expects to incur and assume in connection with the proposed transaction and the need to generate sufficient cash flows to service and repay such debt; CN’s ability to meet expectations regarding the timing, completion and accounting and tax treatments of the proposed transaction; the possibility that CN may be unable to achieve expected synergies and operating efficiencies within the expected time-frames or at all and to successfully integrate KCS’ operations with those of CN; that such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; that operating costs, customer loss and business disruption (including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees, customers or suppliers) may be greater than expected following the proposed transaction or the public announcement of the proposed transaction; the retention of certain key employees of KCS may be difficult; the duration and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, general economic and business conditions, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; industry competition; inflation, currency and interest rate fluctuations; changes in fuel prices; legislative and/or regulatory developments; compliance with environmental laws and regulations; actions by regulators; the adverse impact of any termination or revocation by the Mexican government of KCS de México, S.A. de C.V.’s Concession; increases in maintenance and operating costs; security threats; reliance on technology and related cybersecurity risk; trade restrictions or other changes to international trade arrangements; transportation of hazardous materials; various events which could disrupt operations, including illegal blockades of rail networks, and natural events such as severe weather, droughts, fires, floods and earthquakes; climate change; labor negotiations and disruptions; environmental claims; uncertainties of investigations, proceedings or other types of claims and litigation; risks and liabilities arising from derailments; timing and completion of capital programs; and other risks detailed from time to time in reports filed by CN with securities regulators in Canada and the United States. Reference should also be made to Management’s Discussion and Analysis in CN’s annual and interim reports, Annual Information Form and Form 40-F, filed with Canadian and

U.S. securities regulators and available on CN's website, for a description of major risk factors relating to CN.

Forward-looking statements reflect information as of the date on which they are made. CN assumes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect future events, changes in circumstances, or changes in beliefs, unless required by applicable securities laws. In the event CN does update any forward-looking statement, no inference should be made that CN will make additional updates with respect to that statement, related matters, or any other forward-looking statement.

### **No Offer or Solicitation**

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

This news release relates to a proposal which CN has made for an acquisition of KCS. In furtherance of this proposal and subject to future developments, CN (and, if a negotiated transaction is agreed, KCS) may file one or more registration statements, proxy statements, tender offer statements or other documents with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or applicable securities regulators in Canada. This news release is not a substitute for any proxy statement, registration statement, tender offer statement, prospectus or other document CN and/or KCS may file with the SEC or applicable securities regulators in Canada in connection with the proposed transactions.

INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT(S), REGISTRATION STATEMENT(S), TENDER OFFER STATEMENT, PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC OR APPLICABLE SECURITIES REGULATORS IN CANADA CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CN, KCS AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS. Any definitive proxy statement(s), registration statement or prospectus(es) and other documents filed by CN and KCS (if and when available) will be mailed to stockholders of CN and/or KCS, as applicable. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain copies of these documents (if and when available) and other documents filed with the SEC and applicable securities regulators in Canada by CN free of charge through at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Copies of the documents filed by CN (if and when available) will also be made available free of charge by accessing CN's website at [www.CN.ca](http://www.CN.ca).

### **Participants**

This news release is neither a solicitation of a proxy nor a substitute for any proxy statement or other filings that may be made with the SEC and applicable securities

regulators in Canada. Nonetheless, CN and its directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transactions. Information about CN's executive officers and directors is available in its 2021 Management Information Circular, dated March 9, 2021, as well as its 2020 Annual Report on Form 40-F filed with the SEC on February 1, 2021, in each case available on its website at [www.CN.ca/investors/](http://www.CN.ca/investors/) and at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will be included in one or more registration statements, proxy statements, tender offer statements or other documents filed with the SEC and applicable securities regulators in Canada if and when they become available. These documents (if and when available) may be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), as applicable.

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Forest Enhancement  
Society of British Columbia



April 9, 2021

**Re: Forest Enhancement Society of BC Accomplishments Update Spring 2021**

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Ashcroft (Village) Council,

Projects funded by the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) address a number of environmental, social, and economic priorities of British Columbians. These priorities include protecting communities from wildfire risk, improving wildlife habitat, reducing greenhouse gases, accelerating the expansion of the bio-economy, and enhancing B.C.'s forests for future generations. Forest enhancement projects achieve multiple social, environmental, and economic aspirations of British Columbians. Investing in forests to reduce our carbon footprint, reduce wildfire risks, enhance habitat, and create jobs is a win-win-win on all fronts.

Some of the economic impacts of COVID-19 have been mitigated with support from the provincial government. The Province's **Stronger BC for Everyone: B.C.'s Economic Recovery Plan** provided \$3 million of additional funding to FESBC to help sustain approximately 100 forestry jobs this past winter to use wood fibre that is normally left behind after logging.

*"This new funding is part of the government's \$1.5-billion economic recovery plan, which reflects our ongoing commitment to help British Columbians deal with challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants will support local jobs and help make better use of wood debris left behind after timber harvesting."*

Hon. Katrine Conroy

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Quote from: New grants to help use more food fibre | BC Government News Feb. 1, 2021

The enclosed Accomplishments Update Spring 2021 edition provides a snapshot of how FESBC sustained an estimated 100 forestry jobs to utilize about 233,000 cubic meters of low-value wood (4,600 truck loads) this past winter while at the same time contributing to achieving B.C.'s and Canada's climate change targets. The projects are estimated to avoid 65,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions which is equivalent to taking 13,000 cars off the road for a year.

If you are interested in further information, please visit our website [www.fesbc.ca](http://www.fesbc.ca) or connect with our Executive Director Steve Kozuki at [skozuki@fesbc.ca](mailto:skozuki@fesbc.ca) or 1.778.765.0938

Jim Snetsinger, RPF

Board Chair, Forest Enhancement Society of BC

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**INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART**

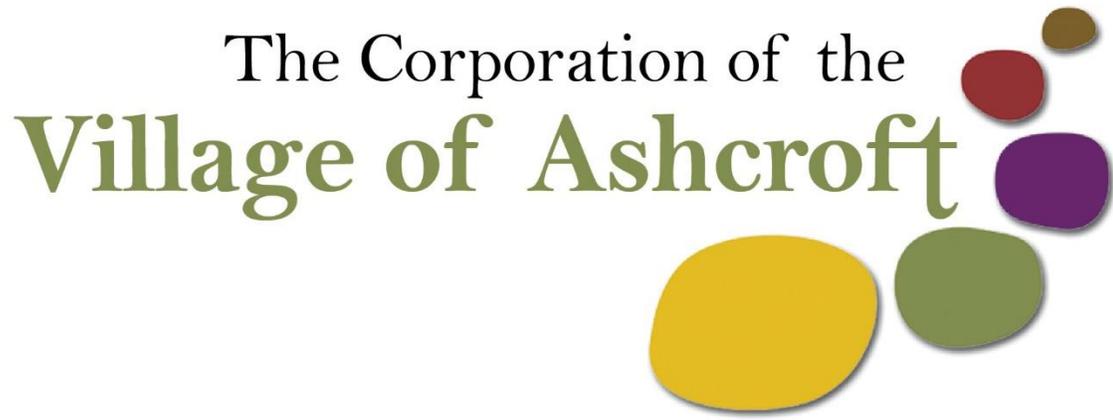
**APRIL 26, 2021 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

IH – Interior Health declares COVID-19 outbreak over at Vernon Jubilee Hospital  
IH – Over 255,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered throughout Interior Health  
IH – Interior Health declares COVID-19 outbreak over at Kelowna General Hospital

TNRD Press Release – Construction of Loon Lake Fire Hall Delayed

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SCHEDULE "B"



**PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE PLAN**

To be completed by the Artwork Owner and  
by the Artist

**PART 1** of the **PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE PLAN** is due by final site plan approval and once artist selected is to be completed by the Artwork Owner. When possible, please supply brand names of materials used; product sheets; and, if necessary, attach additional pages to more fully complete this form.

Artist(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

**Artwork Owner (responsible for maintenance and repair of artwork)**

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Commissioning Public Art Agent (if different from owner)**

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Artist(s) Contact Information (attach additional pages if necessary)**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Webpage: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2** of the **PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE PLAN** is due prior to art installation and is to be completed by the artist. When possible, please supply brand names of materials used; product sheets; and, if necessary, attach additional pages to more fully complete this form.

**Medium and Technique**

1. Principle materials used in fabrication, describe in detail (i.e., specific metal, brand name, source, manufacturer, etc.). If applicable, describe any electrical component used; their operation and supplier.
  
2. Other materials used, such as screws, nails, glue, armatures, etc.:
  
3. Equipment used in construction:
  
4. Final work methods, describe in detail (i.e., cast, welded, carved, modeled, thrown, assembled, etc.):
  - a. If the work has been cast, specify how many have been and/or will be produced:
  
5. Describe how final surface/patina achieved:
  
6. Protective coating and method of application:
  
7. Where work was completed (i.e., name of studio, foundry, etc.):
  
8. Date work was completed:
  
9. Additional comments:

## **PART 2 CONTINUED**

### **Installation**

1. Are there any special installation considerations, (i.e., viewing height, measured distances from relative objects, etc.)? If work is comprised of more than one piece requiring special assembly, supply documentation on how to install correctly, please provide photographs or sketches.

### **Environmental Factors**

1. Describe existing environmental factors which may affect the condition of the artwork and any precautionary measures which should be taken (e.g., direct sunlight, extremes of annual rain or snowfall, temperature, air moisture or dryness, acidity of rainfall. Flooding, wind, vibrations, air pollutants, vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic; animal interaction with artwork – potential for nesting, droppings, etc.; human interaction with artwork – touching, sitting, climbing, vandalism):
  
2. Describe normal changes in the materials that may occur as part of the normal process of being exposed to the environment:

### **Desired Appearance**

1. Describe in specific terms and, if necessary, with drawings or photographs, the physical qualities for which the responsible agency should strive to maintain the artist's intent (e.g., matte rather than glossy luster, color of patina). As related to natural aging of materials, what may be an acceptable alteration in form, surface, texture, coloration?
  
2. Is the work site specific? \_\_\_\_\_Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_No

If the work is site-specific, describe in detail the particular relationship of the work to its site, including any significant physical aspect of the site that if altered would significantly alter the intended meaning and/or appearance of the work. (e.g., landscaping, addition of new public artworks, seating, etc)

## **PART 2 CONTINUED**

### **Maintenance/Conservation Instructions**

Please provide detailed instructions regarding the methods and frequency of maintenance for the artwork (with observations regarding permanency/durability of materials and techniques).

1. Routine maintenance (e.g., removal of dust and dirt; maintenance of protective surfaces; tightening, adjusting, oiling, etc.):
2. Cyclical maintenance (less frequent and more extensive preventive measures, e.g., disassembly and inspection; reapplication of protective sealers, repainting, etc.):

Where repairs to a work are extensive and costly, and where there is no guarantee of positive results, the Village shall consult the artist or his/her estate to consider de-accessioning.

### **Additional Attachments:**

1. Preliminary work methods (i.e., measured drawings, scale models, etc.).
2. Packing and Shipping Instructions (include diagrams) (if appropriate)
3. Conceptual information on the artwork, including subject, sources of inspiration.

Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
<b>2020 MOTIONS</b>					
	"That Council defer the Outdoor Burning Bylaw Report until the COVID-19 pandemic is over and the public is able to attend scheduled Council meetings."	CAO	Bring back to Council after COVID-19 orders are lifted to include public input		on temporary hold
R-2020-159	"That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Section 219 'no disturbance' covenant on behalf of the Village of Ashcroft for rezoning application RZ-20-01"	CAO	Property owners have engaged a consultant to clarify the arch site and move forward		Waiting for Property Owners
R-2020-160	"That Council approve staff to research and develop an updated Business License Bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft and bring it back to Council for consideration."	CAO/ Intern/AA	Intern and Admin are working on a draft under the supervision of the CAO		in-progress
<b>2021 MOTIONS</b>					
R-2021-50	"That Council endorses the Village of Ashcroft to participate in the Red Cross funded TNRD Wildfire Invasive Plant Management Program for the 2021 season."	DPW/CAO	DPW to coordinate with TNRD- Mike Dedels		in-progress - dependant on applicants
R-2021-79	"That Council authorize staff to post the Office Summer Student position."	CAO	Post position		completed
R-2021-80	"That Council direct staff to develop a communication strategy for public engagement and not amend Bylaw No. 834, and include a guideline of what and how information can be communicated by Council on social media."	CAO	Develop a communication strategy for public engagement including guideline for information communicated by Council on social media		in-progress
R-2021-81	"That Council direct staff to forward the delegation suggestions to the appropriate Working Groups for consideration."	EA	Send suggestions to appropriate WG. EA to add items to next WG agendas		on-going
R-2021-83	"That Council move forward with the proposed public engagement methods presented by staff and that staff commence the public engagement process to consider possible amendments to the Burning Bylaw and further that, staff coordinate public meetings as soon as public gatherings are permitted by Public Health Order to engage community and gather input." as amended -	CAO	Commence the online public engagement process and paper based surveys. Coordinating public meetings as soon as public gatherings are permitted		in-progress
R-2021-84	"That Council direct staff to distribute survey to the residents of the Village of Ashcroft mail boxes and include a public comment section."	CAO			in-progress
R-2021-85	"That Council send letters in support of the District of North Vancouver's Help Cities Lead (HLC) Campaign to the Ministers of Environment, Municipal Affairs, Energy, Housing and Finance."	CAO/EA			in-progress
R-2021-86	"That Council approves the Village's UBCM Membership for renewal."	CFO	Renew Membership		Completed
R-2021-90	"That Council approves the Public Art Policy as presented, and direct staff to draft two schedules for attachment and be brought back to Council for approval: Schedule A Contract and Schedule B Maintenance Plan."	CAO	Prepare Schedule A Contract and Schedule B Maintenance Plan		in-progress
R-2021-92	"That Council approves the Audited Financial Statements as presented by Shawn Birkenhead of Grant Thornton LLP at the Closed Meeting of Council prior to the Regular meeting on April 12, 2021 and that Council release the motion to the Regular meeting of Council for April 12, 2021."	CFO			completed



**Joint Para- Transit Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 - 11:00 am  
Ashcroft Village Office - ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Wendy Coomber, Village of Cache Creek  
 Councillor David Park, Village of Clinton  
 Councillor Jonah Anstett  
 Nikki Vincent, Chief Operating Officer YCS  
 Jamie Fisher, Transit Manager YCS  
 Seth Wright, BC Transit Community Liaison  
 Yogi Bhalla, CFO Village of Ashcroft  
 Daniela Dyck, CAO, Village of Ashcroft

**1. Welcome**

Special welcome to Jamie Fisher as the new Transit Manager for YCS.

**2. Review of Notes from December 15, 2020 meeting**

(Distributed previously)

**3. Unfinished Business**

- a. COVID-19 Response – ongoing  
 Awaiting impact of vaccine schedule in relations to bus passenger capacity.  
 Cache Creek to Ashcroft - Two additional transit days: April 27 and May 4 for vaccination clinic support. 9:00 am -4:00 pm both days travelling between Cache Creek Fire Hall and the Ashcroft HUB.  
 Jamie will send out information for the additional transit days as the schedule is finalized  
 IHA is working with BC Transit to provide the Vaccination day transit service.  
 Lawrence is back after his leave, happy to have him back
- b. BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement – signed and submitted

**4. Business**

- a. New cash box procedures – update  
 Working well
- b. Shelter Applications – submitted

Seth confirming that we should hear be the end of the week if requests are approved for this year.

Overwhelming number of applications due to grant structure, received unexpected additional funding from Federal Government. Applications are still being submitted; these will be held over for next years review.

- c. Annual Performance Summary (APS)  
For information
- d. Driver Appreciation Day – Poster arrived late, will recognize driver asap; coordinating gift bags with Clinton and Cache Creek.
- e. Transit Superstar Nomination – attached if anyone would like to move forward with nomination.

5. **New Business**

N/A

6. **Summary of Ridership/Financial**

- a. Budget and Ridership – review of report – CFO Bhalla
- b. Community Transit Reserve Accounts – clarification – CFO Bhalla asked if each community is carrying forward the reserve funds in their budgets?  
Ashcroft's current surplus in reserve is \$89,000 The years transfer to reserve was \$11,559  
Request that Cache Creek and Clinton confirm they are adding budgeted surplus to their respective reserve accounts  
Additional reserve account with BC Transit – using these funds to offset current costs.  
Lease fee is based on a pool of vehicles and our overall lease fees have increased.

7. **Date for Next Meeting** – June 15, 2021 at 11:00 am - Village of Ashcroft – Zoom

8. **Termination**

The Transit meeting was terminated at 11:25 am

The foregoing is based on the writer's interpretation of the discussions held.



Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Ashcroft



**Inter-Community  
Bylaw Enforcement Officer Working Group**

**MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – 1:00 pm  
ZOOM**

In Attendance: Councillor, Christine Rivett, Village of Clinton  
 CAO, Murray Daly, Village of Clinton  
 CAO, Daniela Dyck, Village of Ashcroft

Regrets: Councillor, Sue Peters, Village of Cache Creek  
 CFO, Cristina Martini, Village of Cache Creek  
 Councillor Marilyn Anderson, Village of Ashcroft

1. **Call to Order**  
 The Bylaw Enforcement Working Group meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm.
2. **Review of Minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting**  
 (Distributed previously)
3. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Establishing Bylaw – Councillor Peters completed the requested changes and forward the Bylaw to CAO Daly.
4. **Business**
  - a. CAO Daly guided the WG through the draft bylaw and provided clarification of next steps.
    - Each community to review existing bylaws and determine what will be attached to the BNA as ticket-able offences (ie: items noted in bylaws that “must/shall” or “must not/shall not” such must not disturb the peace after 10:00 pm) and add these as a Schedule to the BNA
    - Once the Legal review is complete, each municipality must adopt their own BNA Bylaw with attached schedules for offences.
5. **New Business**  
 N/A
6. **Next Steps:**
  - a. CAO Daly to forward bylaw for legal review
  - b. Begin Adoption of Establishing Bylaw
  - c. CAO Dyck to advertise Job Posting by end of the week at the predetermined sites
    - Keep posting open until the position is filled
    - Review applications at two-week intervals
    - Hire Bylaw Enforcement Officer

- Bylaw Enforcement Officer should begin establishing a positive presence in the communities prior to ticketing. BEO can begin work before BNA is adopted by Councils
- d. CAO Dyck to order magnetic signs when high resolution logos are received.
- e. Each Community to determine ticket-able offences and adapt the BNA Bylaw to the respective communities. Once the Legal review is completed, take bylaw to Council for approval

7. **Council Recommendations for Endorsement**

N/A

8. **Date for Next Meeting** – TBD

9. **Termination**

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm

The foregoing is based on the writer's interpretation of the discussions held.



Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Ashcroft



**EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PLAN UPDATE**  
**Working Group - Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, April 15, 2021 – 2:30 pm**

In Attendance: Yogi Bhalla, Chair  
Daniela Dyck, CAO  
Councillor Nadine Davenport  
Kris Hardy, EA  
Sandy Agatiello  
Annie Bourret

Excused: Councillor Jonah Anstett

**1. Discussion**

Chair Bhalla welcomed Sandy and Annie to the meeting. He once again emphasized the importance of updating the Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan as a priority.

**2. Next Steps**

- Reach out to TNRD via Zoom to help with ERP Update.
  - Changing Plan
  - Training
- Really encourage Voyent Alert Registration
- Re-draft ERP
- Look at EOC model alternatives

**3. Date for Next Meeting**

TBD

**4. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The foregoing is based on the writer's interpretation of the discussions held.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kris Hardy".

Kris Hardy, Executive Assistant  
Village of Ashcroft

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

**DATE:** April 26, 2021  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Roden

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**Assigned Committees:**

Finance Committee  
Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)  
Historic Hat Creek Ranch  
Cache Creek Environmental Assessment  
TNRD  
Municipal Insurance Association (MIA)

**Alternate Committees:**

Health Care  
Communities in Bloom (CiB)

**Working Groups:**

Economic Development/Tourism WG  
Storm Drainage & Run Off WG  
Trails Master Plan WG  
Fire Department Sustainability WG

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**April 12: Fire Department Working Group**

Members of the working group met to go over the fire department's Constitution. Acting fire chief Tyler Bell provided a list of proposed changes, which were discussed. The changes will be made to the Constitution, which will then go back to the members of the fire department to review and comment on before coming back to the working group.

**April 14: COVID-19 Helpline Group**

Discussion about the COVID-19 helpline for Ashcroft/Cache Creek residents and related matters, involving representatives from the HUB, E. Fry, Equality Project, Community Resource Society, Sage Hills Church, Ashcroft Moving Forward, Better at Home, Soup's On, Spences Bridge Community Club, BC Ambulance Service, VOA, and Village of Clinton. Amongst the news shared was a proposed community garden at The Equality Project in Cache Creek, expansion of Better at Home services to Clinton, the plans to have in-person kids' camps at the HUB this summer, and a 'clean-up' event in Ashcroft to start on Earth Day (April 22). The village subsequently provided Eco-Cards at no charge to assist with the clean-up and said that it could also supply high-vis vests and garbage bags.

**April 14: Gold Country Communities Society**

Special closed meeting of the board of directors.

**April 15: Mayors' Vaccine Roundtable**

As they coordinate public vaccine clinics throughout the region, Interior Health has established a weekly roundtable with IH clinical operations leadership and area mayors to answer questions and give operational guidance as new vaccines are approved and more vaccines arrive.

**April 16: Meeting with local RCMP**

Met with Ashcroft CO Sgt. Darren Angman to discuss staffing challenges at the detachment.

**April 21: TNRD Utilities Committee**

This is a new committee for me; I was appointed to it in January 2021. The committee heard presentations about capital projects and operational updates. Much of the discussion was about the TNRD's water metering in the 11 areas served by water systems operated by the TNRD. The only substantial metering left to complete is in Loon Lake, with most of the work scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2021.

**April 21: TNRD Economic Development and Recreation Committee**

I was elected chair of this committee, to which I was appointed in January 2021. Among the items discussed were TNRD regional highway entrance signs, similar to those that other regional districts (such as Cariboo Regional District and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George) have in place on B.C. highways, and the 2021 – 2023 Film Commission strategic plan. Film Commissioner Vicci Weller gave an overview of filming in the region, and noted that there is a good deal of interest in the region, with several productions either in progress, planned, or looking at the region as a possible filming location. A study looking into the feasibility of a film studio in the region should be complete by the end of 2021.

**April 21: Virtual tour of new RIH tower**

Attended a YouTube presentation marking the launch of Royal Inland Hospital's 'Together We Rise' campaign. The presentation featured a tour of the new Patient Care Tower at RIH, which is on schedule to open in summer 2022. The video can be viewed on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2gjcOI3TBM>).

**April 21: Friends of Historic Hat Creek**

The ranch is still scheduled to open on May 1; staffing is in place. The restaurant will be open, and following all COVID-19 regulations and health orders (no inside dining for the present time; there will be patio dining and take-out only). Work is scheduled to start soon on the patio extension.

**April 22: Mayors' Vaccine Roundtable**

As they coordinate public vaccine clinics throughout the region, Interior Health has established a weekly roundtable with IH clinical operations leadership and area mayors to answer questions and give operational guidance as new vaccines are approved and more vaccines arrive.

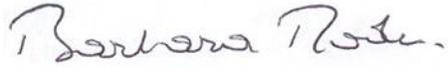
**April 22: TNRD Regular Board Meeting (report submitted prior to meeting)**

Gloria Mertens was scheduled to make a presentation about the Ashcroft Slough. The board was also to discuss giving approval of 20 emergency telephone system service agreements (each with a five-year term) with the 20 First Nations partners within the TNRD. The contracts would total approximately \$156,288 in revenue contributions to the E911 service over the next five years.

**April 23: TNRD Committee of the Whole (report submitted prior to meeting)**

One of the agenda items was to discuss a proposed acknowledgement of the traditional lands of the local Indigenous peoples, to be made at the opening of TNRD board and committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden,  
Mayor